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ENCODING METHOD FOR CARRYING OUT CRYPTOGRAPHIC OPERATIONS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3-7 and 12-14 as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, change "one of the preceding Claims" to
--Claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "one of the preceding Claims" to
--Claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, change "one of the preceding Claims" to
--Claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, change "one of the preceding Claims" to
Claim 1--.

Claim 12, line 1, change "one of the Claims 8 to 11" to
--Claim 11--.

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